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Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay. The examiner has indicated that the case contains allowable subject matter.

The priority papers were filed with the original application papers and their receipt was acknowledged in the above-mentioned Examiner's Action. The undersigned hereby reiterates the priority claim made in the earlier-filed Declaration.

The specification has been amended to eliminate some minor obvious errors. No new matter whatsoever has been added. Some of the errors, principally missing letters in words, cited by the examiner do not exist in the copy in the attorney's file, but the amendments to the specification cover the passages in general and do not have the alleged typographical errors, so that in any case the problems are solved.

Claims 8, 11, and 13, all of which depended via claims 2 and 7 on independent claim 1, have been found to contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly the subject matter of claims 1, 2, and 7 has been added to claims 8, 11, and 13 making these claims and all the claims dependent on them allowable. Claims 1, 2, and 7 have been canceled, and claims 3, 4, and 5 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 8. This places all of the claims in the application in allowable form.

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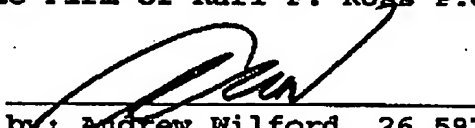
In addition the claims have been corrected to overcome the §112 problems. No new matter whatsoever has been added.

Enclosed herewith is a proposed correction to FIGS. 9 and 10 showing the dimensions DP, DQ, and DR cited in the original application papers. Once again, no new matter is entailed.

Thus all the claims in the case are clearly in condition for allowance. The application is ready for passage to Issue.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

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Enclosure: Corrected drawing sheet (FIGS. 8-11)